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‘The Gospel Voice of Dwight’ Begins Broadcasting God’s Word Over the Air

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

Through the Grace of God, Dwight’s small Christian radio broadcasting station was able to meet the Federal Communications Commission deadline and begin broadcasting this year.

“The Gospel Voice of Dwight,” station WGVD at 97.3 FM, has been on the air 24 hours a day, seven days a week, since Jan. 23.

The FCC license is for a low-power station, which gives it about a 20-mile broadcast radius around Dwight.

The station broadcasts 60% conservative Christian music with 40% programming including Bible teaching, sermons, and stories to teach lessons from the Bible.

Programming includes several dramas such as “Lamplighter Theater,” a daily Bible-lesson dramatic story written in the 1600s.

“We have a lot of old yes-ter-year preachers,” said Pastor Daniel Woodward, who has been with the Baptist Church in Dwight for 32 years. The “old-timey preachers” include such people as Lester Roloff, Oliver B. Greene and J. Harold Smith, Woodward said.

There are also sermons

by “current” preachers including a Saturday morning program by Woodward from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Engineers for the station are Dwight Baptist Church staff members Eric Bryant, Austin Merriott, and Matt Payne.

And while the airwaves may be tuned in on a person’s radio at no cost other than electricity, it costs the church \$150 a day to keep the station on line.

So the church will be hosting a “Share-a-thon” in April and do one twice a year to cover operating expenses for the not-for-profit station.

A special open house of the new station, located at the First Baptist Church of Dwight, will be held during the station’s semi-annual Share-a-thon April 10 through 15.

Even though the station is broadcasting stories dramatizing messages and lessons from the Bible, the real drama was securing the station and getting it on the air this year.

Woodward said the seed for the idea was planted in Woodward’s brain by Jim Enger of Dwight 30 years ago.

“The FCC in 2001 estab-

lished low power FM stations for non-broadcast people, limited to about 100 watts,” Enger told *The Paper* last week.

“That allowed non-broadcast people of all kinds to apply for and get these lower power stations meant just for local people,” Enger added.

Enger said he has helped establish 40 such stations primarily for faith-based groups under the low-power FCC program. But Enger was not directly involved with the Baptist station.

Enger said the FCC will say when they have a “window” for a station.

“They might say the next window is April 1 through April 15,” Enger explained. “You can’t apply before and you can’t apply after. That’s the other trick to this whole thing. If you can’t get into a window to apply for it, it doesn’t do any good.”

For years, there was never an opportunity, but Enger kept “bugging” Woodward about doing a station.

Then in 2013, Evangelist Oliver Aerazia owned a station in West Virginia, WVGW.

“He called me and said there was a window for an L.P. station,” Woodward

said.

“We began the ball rolling,” he continued. “You have 30 days to do the applications. It’s almost impossible to get it done on time.”

It takes an engineering study, an ad in the local newspaper.

“We didn’t get it done on time,” Woodward said. But the deadline was right after the federal government shut down due to a budget battle in 2013, giving Dwight a two-week extension. Woodward said they were

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PASTOR DANIEL WOODWARD, right, of the Dwight Baptist Church broadcasts live on the church’s new radio station, WGVD, 97.3 FM, a low-power station broadcasting conservative Christian music. Engineer Eric Bryant works the controls during the broadcast. Submitted photo



BEN FOLK AND ERIC DAMRON of Independent Baptist Media volunteered their services to erect a 120-foot radio tower at the Dwight Baptist Church in January. Submitted photo

La Salle County ZBA Okays 53-Turbine Ransom Wind Farm



A RANSOM AREA WIND farm can be seen from the village of Ransom looking east, with this photo taken the day of the March 15 zoning hearing for a wind farm being developed. The proposed wind farm will include 53 turbines south and west of Ransom. The new turbines will be taller than existing turbines.

The Paper photo

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A \$250 million 53-turbine wind farm for the Ransom area was okayed by the La Salle County Zoning Board of Appeals on March 15, including a variance to allow 2.75 miles of above-ground line.

The ZBA held a three-hour public hearing before voting to recommend to the full board that the wind farm developers be allowed to proceed. The county board chambers were filled to capacity, with some people waiting outside, but even when asked to come in they preferred to remain in the hallway.

The county board is expected to act on the recommendation for the development at its 1 p.m., April 13 meeting at the Etna Road board room in Ottawa.

There were very few citizens who testified about allowing the rezoning for the project and the only expert testimony came from the company experts, Avangrid Renewables, which also operates a wind farm, the Streator Cayuga Ridge Southern Odell, which has been online since 2010 producing 300 MW.

The company has 50 wind projects in 20 states and two solar projects for a total of 6,300 megawatts of

electricity generation.

Avangrid Renewables is part of the IBERDROLA Group, a 150-year-old company on the New York Stock Exchange with 14,000 MW world-wide.

The lead developer for the Ransom project, Jeff Reinkemeyer, presented a slide show at the public hearing describing the project, called Otter Creek Wind Farm.

“The bottom line: This project conforms with the ordinance and deserves a ‘yes’ vote,” Reinkemeyer said.

The scope of the project includes up to 53 wind

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DIRT(Y) WORK — Employees of Conley Excavating were using equipment as well as muscle in misting conditions Friday while they continued with water main replacement work along Route 17 (Mazon Avenue) in Dwight. Anthony, in the skidsteer, was bringing sand and dirt to fill an excavation over a buffalo box near Shane, foreground, who then leveled the material.

The Paper photo

Herscher Unit 2 Parents Protest New Weighted Classes For Valedictorian

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

A group of about 30 parents and students expressed their frustration with changes in the qualifications for senior class valedictorian at the Herscher Unit 2 school board meeting, March 13.

Four members of the 2017-18 graduating class who are currently ranked at the top said that the changes would not allow them to participate in classes they wanted, like band and agriculture, because they would have to give up electives to become a valedictorian.

One sophomore also expressed his disapproval.

But the board “did hold its ground,” Superintendent Rich Decman told *The Paper* last week.

Decman explained that since the school board announced the additional weighted classes, enrollment in those courses has skyrocketed, so he believes this was the right decision, although he understood this

year’s juniors would be required to sacrifice some electives to maintain their valedictorian status.

Up until the 2017-18 school year, to achieve valedictorian status, students had to earn an “A” grade for 5.0 grade points (instead of 4.0) in AP U.S. history, English, and statistics. That “weighted” scale will now be added as of the next school year to AP chemistry, biology, physics and calculus.

But a student can take either chemistry or biology for the next two years, because they will be offered simultaneously, making it just six weighted courses needed to achieve top student status with a higher GPA.

After two years (2019-2020 school year), the weighted course requirement will increase to seven when chemistry and biology are offered at different times.

Decman said since the announcement of the more rigorous requirements,

enrollment in chemistry and calculus has more than doubled, and physics has quadrupled.

“This shows students, when encouraged to take these courses, will enroll,” Decman said.

The purpose of changing the requirements is to reduce the number of potential valedictorians, Decman said.

This year, there are currently seven seniors out of a class of 140 who qualify for valedictorian status.

Next year, there are also seven.

During the 2015-16 school year there were five, and there have been five to seven qualifying for valedictorian status for the past several years, Decman said.

“Many argue it devalues the valedictorian status,” Decman said.

On the subject of enrollment, the board was forced to reduce in force three positions, two teachers and one

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FOR THE RECORD

Tickets Issued by Dwight Police

March 10: Sheila Burnett, 61, Herscher, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Denika S. Crawford, 29, Bloomington, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

March 11: David T. Voigts, 38, Dwight, driving under influence of alcohol; Justin A. Simon, 18, Dwight, driving 21-25 MPH above limit; Kristen N. McCraven, 46, Custer Park, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Andrae D. Terrell, 46, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Brian S. Grayling, 46, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; L.C. Morrow, Jr., 64, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit.

March 12: Chrystel C. Maloney, 31, Saunemin, driving during suspension; Mark M. Watson, 49, Kankakee, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Tracey K. Duncan, 49, Minooka, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Joshua Q. Kluessendore, 24, Montgomery, speeding 62-45.

March 13: Bryce L. Gabel, 22, Bourbonnais, driving 15-20 MPH above

limit.

March 15: Randi L. Martin, 33, Bourbonnais, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Collin P. Joyce, 23, Essex, driving 15-20 MPH above limit; Amber Nourie, 28, Dwight, possession of controlled substance, syringe.

Persons in the police report are innocent of any charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

3 Warnings Issued by Dwight Police

Accident Report

Wednesday, March 15, an accident was reported at 300 E. Mazon Ave. involving Donald A. Edwards of Dwight, the driver of a 1988 Chevrolet, who backed into a parked 2016 Chevrolet with the owner, Jennifer R. Richards of Rantoul, inside.

Weekly Ambulance Runs by Dwight EMS

March 10: 8:22 p.m., Mazon, fire, mutual aid to Dwight; 9:18 p.m., Mazon,

medical, Riverside; 9:40 p.m., South, medical, Morris, mutual aid by Gardner.

March 11: 7:18 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Riverside; 8:12 a.m., Union, fire, mutual aid to Dwight Fire; 8:38 a.m., Mazon, lift, refusal, mutual aid – Dwight Fire; 11:30 a.m., Karen, false alarm; 4:49 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

March 12: 2:46 p.m., Main, medical, Morris.

March 13: 7:50 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; 9:37 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris; 3:27 a.m., Mazon Ave., medical, Morris.

March 14: 12:38 a.m., Mazon, trauma, Morris; 4:21 a.m., Main, medical, Morris; 4:53 p.m., Mazon, medical, Morris.

March 15: 7:16 a.m., Prairie Ave., medical, Morris.

March 16: 9:31 a.m., Bannon Dr., medical, refusal; 12:11 p.m., Julie, medical, St. James; 6:58 p.m., Mazon, trauma, refusal; 8:53 p.m., Bannon Dr., medical, Morris.

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Temps - 2017

Mar. 9 – high 48°, low 24°
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Mar. 11 – high 31°, low 15°
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Video Gaming Up A Bit In February

Dwight video gamers played \$560,272 in 50 Dwight video gaming terminals during February, up about 1% from the \$554,861 in January.

There were two less terminals reporting due to Lu's closing its downtown restaurant.

Funds paid out during February amounted to \$418,931, leaving a net terminal income of \$141,340.

The State of Illinois received 25% of the NTI, or \$35,335, while Dwight's 5% share of the NTI was \$7,067.

FEB.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI*	State	Dwight
Red's Garage	17,771	13,329	4,441	1,110	222
JT's	22,483	18,018	4,464	1,116	223
Lili Mae's	84,833	62,740	22,092	5,523	1,104
Love's	127,718	90,220	37,497	9,374	1,874
Mac's	47,221	33,764	13,456	3,364	672
Pete's	58,664	48,055	10,608	2,652	530
RonDeVoo	55,599	41,583	14,015	3,504	700
VFW	26,277	21,792	4,484	1,121	224
Vic. Lanes	26,062	20,541	5,520	1,380	276
Virbapa	27,055	21,503	5,551	1,387	277
Willys	66,589	47,381	19,207	4,801	960
TOTAL:	\$560,272	418,931	141,340	35,335	7,067

*Net Terminal Income

The State of Illinois and Village of Dwight receive a total of 30% of the Net Terminal income monthly (State 25%, Village 5%). Of the remaining 70%, Scientific Games receives 0.7275% of the NTI as compensation for building and maintaining the Central Communications System, which is monitored by the Illinois Gaming Board. The remaining income is divided equally between the terminal operator and location.

Gambling problem? Call 1-800 GAMBLER.

Gardner February VGTs

In the Village of Gardner, \$105,262 was invested in its 13 video gaming terminals during February.

The dollars invested in the Gardner machines produced \$1,531 for the village; \$7,659 for the State of Illinois.

Below are the Gardner establishments with gaming terminals (number in parenthesis), the amount of funds invested, funds paid out, the net terminal income, and the amount received by the state and by Gardner.

Statewide, Illinois had 511 more video gaming terminals in February than in January (now 25,363).

The state's February share of video gaming was \$25,300,659.

FEB.	Funds In	Funds Out	NTI	State	Gardner
Marks (4)	\$29,310	18,097	11,212	2,803	560
TA Op. (5)	62,373	47,249	15,123	3,780	756
Vino's (4)	13,579	9,277	4,301	1,075	215
TOTALS	\$105,262	74,624	30,637	7,659	1,531

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High debt levels ... lack of savings ... the inability to budget – these problems all have several causes, but one of them is almost certainly financial illiteracy. Too many of us just never developed the money management skills necessary to cope with our complicated – and expensive – world. But if you have young children, you can teach them some money-smart lessons – and who knows? You could use the opportunity to give yourself a few valuable reminders, too.

Here are some suggestions for a financial “curriculum”:

- Save for a goal. In our highly commercialized culture, it's almost inevitable that your children will eventually become somewhat acquisitive. Obviously, it's important to teach them that they can't have everything – and they certainly can't have everything right now. So, once they are old enough to receive an allowance or to earn money in some fashion, encourage them to set a goal for something they want, such as a toy or video game, and to put money aside every week for that goal. It's also an excellent idea to model this behavior yourself. So if you are considering making a major purchase in the not-too-distant future, such as a car, show your children how you are setting aside money regularly for this purpose, rather than borrowing as much as you can or putting the entire purchase on a credit card.
- Establish a budget. It can be challenging to create a household budget and just as difficult to stick to it – but for most people, it's worth the effort. You'll be doing your children a favor by showing them how you have a certain amount of income and where it goes – mortgage, utilities, groceries, retirement accounts, etc. – each month. Explain to your kids that by staying within your budget, you can help avoid problems such as debt and extra fees tacked onto bills for late payments. You might also want to point out that, as your income rises, you can gain greater flexibility in budgeting. Here's the key point: Living within your means pays off in the long run.
- Have fun with investing. It might surprise you, but even young children enjoy learning about the investment process, especially if you explain to them that they can be an owner of a company that makes a product or service they like. You might want to pick such a company and, along with your child, chart its course over time. You could give your child a pretend \$100 bill to “invest” in this company and then see how its value changes, explaining along the way that various factors – such as the popularity of the company's products, the skill of its managers, and so on – will affect the stock's price. At some point, you may even wish to purchase real stocks for your child and place them within a custodial account. And you might also want to show your child how your own stocks and other investments are performing. The investment world can be fascinating, and by sharing your enthusiasm for it with your children, you can encourage them to invest throughout their lives.

Knowledge is power. And the more knowledge about finances and investing that you can impart to your children now, the more empowered they will be to make smart financial moves in the future.

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able to apply in time.

Meantime, the church over 18 months started to raise what was eventually more than \$100,000 for the project and got an extension from 18 months to three years to begin broadcasting. “The drop-dead date was Jan. 26, 2017,” Woodward said.

Independent Baptist Media’s team came in to erect the 120-foot radio tower, saving the church \$100,000. But, they told them they needed to raise another \$30,000 for proper broadcasting equipment that would be “the best of the best.”

The tower team was headed by Gene Sharp. It so happens that years ago, when Woodward was on the board of directors for a camp

in Iowa, a teenage boy named Gino Sharp attended the camp and fondly remembers Pastor Woodward, agreeing to donate his services.

“The moral to the story is, be careful how you treat a teenager,” Woodward joked.

So January comes around this year, and the day to erect the tower the temperatures were in the 60s, making driving and working with heavy equipment messy and more difficult.

Because of the soft ground, Quick Enterprises of Blackstone could not get its heavy equipment onto the property.

The solution was to rent mats for the crane for another \$5,000, which the church did not have. Instead, Kevin Hoffman of Dwight arranged to secure mats for \$800.

Then, when erecting the tower, the bolts did not line up with the holes, off by four or five inches.

Woodward thought that was it. Now what?

“I just bowed my head at the base of the tower and prayed,” Woodward said.

But Quick Enterprises just redrilled holes and brought in new pegs to anchor the tower.

“The tower would never have got up without those people,” Woodward said.

So when it came to make the final adjustments to the antennae, the two climbers on the team were not available as one had to leave and the other one was sick.

Woodward said the church called Quick to see if they had a bucket to put someone up to adjust the antennae.

Instead, Dale Middleton

of Quick sent his climber, Josh Casey of Dwight, to do the final adjustments.

“Without them (Quick Enterprises) our back was against the wall,” Woodward said.

The 100-foot tower can withstand winds up to 120 mph.

Essex Historical Museum Open March 26

The Essex Historical Museum, located at 218 Parls – across from the Essex Lions Hall – will be open Sunday, March 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Nick Koba will be available to answer questions about the coal mines that were in the area. Also, Fred and Shelby Matuszewski will present photos of the deep mines.

The Lions will be serving their monthly pancake breakfast across from the museum that day.



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Prairie Creek Library Murder Mystery Dinner

Prairie Creek Library hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner at the Country Mansion on March 11th. This sold-out interactive event was a wonderful time of suspense and fun.



Art Hornsby Remembers Morris Businesses

The Grundy County Historical Society is hosting Arthur Hornsby, long-time businessman and resident of Morris. He is speaking about businesses in Morris between 1945-1955, and how they operated during that time period.

The program will be Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the GCHS Museum in Canal Port Community Center, 510 W. Illinois Ave, Morris.

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Re-Elect Dwight Mayor Jared Anderson - April 4 -



I am Jared Anderson, the Village President of Dwight, Illinois. Four years ago when I was sworn in to be Village President of Dwight, I made a promise to the residents of Dwight that I was focused on our future. That is still the promise I make today.

- Dwight needed millions of dollars in infrastructure repair, I made that perfectly clear four years ago. Dwight still needs millions of dollars in infrastructure work. The next four years we will continue to make the necessary improvements that Dwight needs. We need to continue so that we can restore the grandeur and viability that Dwight once had.

- The power of the vote in passing the sales tax referendum has the Dwight Village Board and me working to make Dwight more appealing to our current residents as well as prospective home buyers and home builders, and to aid in attracting new businesses.

- The past four years I have instilled integrity in the Village President’s office in being honest to the voters and village board.

- We have an outstanding Police department and hired a dedicated drug officer. We are currently looking at a way to improve the ambulance service as calls have risen by over 200 in the last several years.

- We have updated our public works equipment to give the residents a higher quality and dependable service.

I hope that I have met your expectations as Village President and have earned your vote on April 4th.

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GSW Board Offers Three-Year Contract To Principal Engleman

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Gardner-South Wilmington High School Board offered a three-year contract for Principal John Engleman, to start July 1, 2017.

At its regular meeting Wednesday, March 15, the board said Engleman met the obligations of his current contract.

The new contract will expire June 30, 2020.

The school board took this action despite a request from Brian McElroy that the board wait to renew his contract after the new board is seated following the April 4 consolidated election.

McElroy had made a similar request at the previous month's board meeting.

In other personnel matters, the board:

- accepted the resignation of Spiritline coach Michelle Scaccia.
- hired JV baseball coach Bill Asbridge.
- hired athletic supple-

mental assistant coach Tony Wise.

- approved volunteer coaches Jeff Wepprecht and Kwynn Rury.
- approved non-tenure teacher rehires for the 2017-18 school year.

In other business, the board:

- approved a milk contract with Lockwood Dairy Company.
- approved a copier lease with McGrath.
- approved a natural gas energy contract at a two-year fixed rate.
- heard a report from Engleman that the Grundy County K9 unit/search dogs came through the building as part of a surprise search with nothing found by the dogs.
- learned that the National Honor Society held its induction ceremony March 13 for 13 new members.
- heard a report that the school math team won the regional and won the River Valley Conference contest, its fourth consecutive RVC

Dwight Village Board and School Board appear on pages 9 and 10



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INVITATION TO BID

Bids for the 2017 Life Safety Projects for Ransom Grade School, 400 S. Lane, Ransom, IL 60470 will be received by 2:00 p.m. (prevailing time) on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at the Office of the Board of Education, Allen-Otter Creek District 65, 400 South Lane, Ransom, IL 60470, as a lump sum proposal, including a bid guarantee, for the following Work:

Multiple Contract Project consisting of the following prime contracts:

Bid A - Masonry work & tuck pointing, ceiling and lighting replacement in Lunch Room, metal stud walls & doors. The project includes general construction and light electrical work.

Bid B - All work for the Boiler Replacement project per construction documents.

Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. (prevailing time) on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at Ransom Grade School, 400 S. Lane, Ransom, IL 60470.

Documents may be obtained from DG Digital Printing after March 22, 2017, 214 North Rockton Ave., Rockford, Illinois, 61103, Phone (815) 961-0000.

Plan holders lists will be available at DG Digital Printing for examination by any and all interested parties. Copies of the list will be available by written requests submitted to: DG Digital Printing, 214 North Rockton Ave., Rockford, Illinois

Ms. Mary Pat Baima, Superintendent
Ransom Grade School
400 S. Lane
Ransom, IL 60470

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs. DIANE M. WALLS, WALTER L. WALLS, and unknown owners and non-record claimants, Defendants)
)
) No.16-CH-60

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 716 W. Grove St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 7 and the East half of Lot 8 in Block 8 in Fell's Second Addition to the City of Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois.
PIN: 15-22-378-006
Commonly known as: 716 W. Grove St., Pontiac, IL 61764

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family one-story residence; five rooms, including two bedrooms and one bathroom, plus full basement and two-car detached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: April 4, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

I. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

DONALD R. MCCLAREY, Attorney for Bank Of Pontiac

Tri-Point School Board Rehires Staff For 2017-18

by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Tri-Point school board rehired its staff for the 2017-18 school year with two resignations included.

Casey Meister, high school art teacher's resignation was accepted as was the resignation of Denise Hall, part-time teacher, part-time aide. Both resignations are effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.

In other hiring decisions, the board moved to re-employ:

- First-year teachers Matt Santillo, Emily Campbell, Brittany Watson, Sara Alison Naese and Kyle Cahill.
- Second-year teachers Keri Andrews, Shelly Hertz and Michelle Shiner.
- Kayla Highland and awarded her tenure.

In other business, the board:

- established a tax escrow account related to general obligation school bonds.
- approved the senior class 2017 trip as presented.
- renewed membership of Tri-Point High School in the Illinois High school Association for the 2017-18 school year.
- kept school registration and activity fees unchanged for the 2017-18 school year.
- approved an optional online payments system for the payment of fees to the district.

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— Lou Holtz

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Union in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
being the second Tuesday of said month
at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. at

Union Township Building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers; and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: The Township Finance Statements will be available to view at that time and also the Township Budgets.

Dated March 22, 2017

Richard Boundy
Township Clerk

Gas Prices Edge Down

The average regular unleaded gallons of gasoline in the United States sipped another 0.5 cents in a week, at \$2.289 per gallon as of Monday, March 13, according to GasBuddy.com.

"The weak showing for gasoline prices this year is thanks to a better-balanced oil market: while OPEC cut oil production last November, U.S. oil producers have been incentivized to return to the market with higher oil prices and are offsetting much of the loss from OPEC countries," said Patrick DeHaan, Gasbuddy.com fuel price analyst.

City/Village	March 20	March 13
Dwight	\$2.236	\$2.246
Seneca	\$2.186	\$2.186
S. Wilmington	\$2.21	\$2.25
Streator	\$2.236	\$2.078
Odell	\$2.27	\$2.27
Saunemin	\$2.18	\$2.18
Cullom	\$2.19	\$2.19
Pontiac	\$2.228	\$2.248
Gardner	\$2.21	\$2.25
Braceville	\$2.19	\$2.21
Mazon	\$2.19	\$2.25
Morris	\$2.166	\$2.22
Herscher	\$2.25	\$2.25
Kankakee	\$2.08	\$2.138
Chicago	\$2.47	\$2.44
Illinois	\$2.35	\$2.33
U.S.	\$2.289	\$2.294

Sources: GasBuddy.com and U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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Gardner Denies Garage Permit Appeal

by Don Phillips

The Gardner Village Board denied an appeal regarding a garage construction permit because it was past deadline.

The appeal filed by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Baker related to the construction of a garage at the residence at 308 N. Pine St.

At its meeting Monday, March 13, village attorney Scott Belt said there is a 20-day time requirement in the village code for filing an appeal, or the Zoning Board loses the right to hear the appeal.

Belt noted the appeal was filed after the expiration of the code time frame.

The State statute allows a 45-day time limit, which was also exceeded.

Belt provided a written opinion to the board, to be shared with the Bakers, that in his opinion, the appeal is barred by both the code and the statute.

After the motion to deny the appeal was passed by unanimous vote, Belt provided a copy of the opinion to the Bakers, who were in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner James Riley reported he has ordered the park swings as directed at the last meeting.

The park swings were purchased with funds raised by the 2015 and 2016 Festival of Trees.

Village Engineer Guy Christensen provided an outline of the storm sewer project for the summer of 2017,

including street and railroad crossings, connections to existing lines, and the ultimate discharge on the east side of the village.

In other business, the board:

- heard a request from resident Mike Pokornicki regarding a residence on Elm Street having two water bills. Hileman noted the house had been a duplex apartment with two bills but will return to a single residence in April with a single water bill.
- heard from resident Barb Baker who asked when the Joint TIF Review Board will hold their next meeting. Hileman responded the next audit will be in June, with the meeting to follow. Baker further questioned why the board attempted to hold a meeting in November. She claimed her understanding from the state Attorney General was that there was no meeting. Hileman commented that his understanding from the AG's office is that the meeting was scheduled and proper notice was given as required. The AG's office has closed the matter, Hileman added.
- asked Village Clerk Pat Malinowski to show in the

minutes that the village does not schedule the TIF Review meetings, they are scheduled by the TIF attorney, who also handles the invitations.

- voted to accept the Planning and Zoning Board's comprehensive plan and map as recommended by the zoning board, with no changes from the prior map.
- heard a report from Belt on his review of the statutory requirements for selling the former Nielsen Grain elevator property.
- heard a report on February activities by Sgt. Paul Clappitt of the Grundy County Sheriff's Department. The report included 212 checks, three citations, 38 extra patrols, nine assists, two thefts, and two welfare checks.
- tabled action on the vehicle ordinance pending the return of Mayor Serena. The board reviewed the reimbursement Policy and Belt suggested that policy, when approved, be included in the Village Code for the sake of future legal reference.

- received a thank you from the Gardner 8th Grade class expressing their appreciation for visiting the

Mazon United Methodist Men Meet

The March 13 meeting of the Mazon United Methodist Men was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Pres. Dick Ely. An opening prayer was given by Pastor Karen Fabian. Members in attendance were Pres. Ely, Pastor Fabian, Sec./Hist. Randy Lowery, and Treas. Forrest McCormack.

Reports:

Secretary's Report – Sec. Lowery read the minutes from the last meeting. Treas. McCormack moved to accept the minutes as read and was seconded by Pastor Fabian. All approved and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treas. McCormack presented the monthly treasurer's report. Pres. Ely moved the report as recorded and was seconded by Pastor

Fabian. All approved and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Treas. McCormack reported that \$79.00 was collected this past month from the ongoing recycling fund-raiser. The MUMM extended their thanks to all who have supported this ongoing project.

There was no new business.

For a devotional, Pastor Fabian shared a reading entitled, *Risky Business*, based on Acts 16: 16-34.

The next meeting of the MUMM will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the MUMC.

At 6:19 p.m., Treas. McCormack moved to adjourn and was seconded by Pres. Dick Ely. All approved and the motion carried.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 28, 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as 1916 Village Hall Antiques, located at 120 E Chippewa St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2017.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 28, 2017, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Livingston County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting business known as Antiques on Rt 66, located at 416 W. James St., Dwight, IL 60420.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2017.

Kristy A. Masching
Livingston County Clerk



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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Gardner, Garfield Township, in the County of Grundy and State of Illinois, that the **Annual Town Meeting** of said Town will take place on

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
being the second Tuesday of said month
at the hour of 6:30 o'clock P.M. at

Garfield Township Hall, 301 North Liberty Street, Gardner, Illinois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers; and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Business of the Township.

Dated March 15, 2017

Kurt Kociss

DWIGHT HERITAGE WOODS residents attended an art show that featured 187 art pieces from Dwight Township High School on March 15. Alice Jirmasek examines the art (photo at right top) while Dylan Prouty stands beside his own artistic creation (right center). Art teacher Patricia Ferrell stands with art student Ben Myzia (bottom) while Ben explains some of the art pieces to a resident of Heritage Woods (bottom right).



Reddick High School Graduate Earns Masters



David Curl
Reddick High School alumni David Curl, 48, received his Masters of Arts degree from Full Sail University's Public Relations program February 5. He was awarded Salutatorian honors and held a 4.00 GPA.

In September 2014, David earned his Bachelor's Degree in Creative Writing for Entertainment, and was class Valedictorian. During his time at Full Sail, he won seven course director awards, and the university "Snow Globe" award for best screenplay. He had scripts published twice in *The Aviator* magazine, and was a featured talent in Jetstream, a graphic novel of short stories showcasing the school's talent available through Comixology.

"I want to use PR to push a career in film," Curl said. "Living in the Midwest and not Los Angeles, I need to catch the attention of the powers that be by producing graphic novels, books, and screenplays, here."

"Being my own publicist will help me do that. PR and the Internet are things I never had when I last worked in comics, so I'm excited by the possibilities."

This fall, David plans to be part of the inaugural class of the Akira Kurosawa School of Film at Anaheim University for a second MFA to complete his film-making education.

In the meantime, he'll continue to write and publish books.

During the late 1980s and 90s, David wrote several comic book titles for Independent publishers Fathom Press, Doom Theatre, and Pyramid Comics with veteran illustrator Tim Tyler, also originally from Reddick.

Alpha Mu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Meets

Alpha Mu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization of women educators, held its March meeting at Evenglow Lodge on March 9.

Music students of Peg Doran, Sandy Erickson, and Laura Ramseyer from St. Paul in Odell, Odell Grade School, and Pontiac Jr. High, performed their contest pieces for residents of Evenglow in the chapel.

After the performances, pizza, soda, and cookies were enjoyed by students and members of Alpha Mu. Refreshments were provided by hostesses Peg Doran, Rhonda Hornstein, and Jean Keck.

The business meeting was called to order by co-presidents Sandy Erickson and Laura Ramseyer. Colleen Rapp read the ADK prayer in the absence of the chaplain. Minutes were read and approved and a silent roll call was taken.

Information about the Northern District Meeting on May 6 was discussed. It will be held in North Aurora at the Oak Street Restaurant. Reservations are due by April 17 to Navana Ahrends. A check needs to be made out to Alpha Mu from those wishing to attend. An application for the Northern District Altruistic Award will be entered by Alpha Mu. Several members will work on filling that out. Also discussed was

having an altruistic table at the meeting.

The treasurer reported that Bakeless Bake Sale donations should be completed by May 31. Donations are still needed to pay for DQ cards for Mosaic Home birthdays for this year. There are only seven birthdays in this quarter (April, May, June). Volunteers were assigned to take birthday treats and cards to six different homes. The altruistic report has been compiled and sent to headquarters by that committee. Hours and donations since the last meeting were recorded.

The meeting concluded with the singing of Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa.

The next meeting of Alpha Mu is April 20 at Café Fontana in Pontiac.

Dwight Senior Citizens Meet

On March 14, the Dwight Senior Citizens met and enjoyed a meal catered by Millie Doran. Barb Christensen led in reciting the pledge of allegiance and gave the table prayer. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Barb Christensen gave information about the show bus schedule.


Door prizes were donated by Judy Lewis and won by Darlene Drechsel, Anne Wagner, Judy Lewis, Millie Doran, and Grace Johnson.

Happy Birthday was sung to Judy Lewis and Millie Doran.

Gerry Salzburg moved to adjourn – seconded by Judy Lewis.

Card games were played following the meeting.

ELECT PATRICK O'BRIEN
ESSEX TOWNSHIP
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER



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Wilkey For Mayor

This letter is to announce my run for Village President. I took my last election run for granted and didn't respond to some malicious and false attacks on my four years as Village President! I feel I made Dwight affordable, a better place to live.

In October 2009 I started attending IDOT and Rail Officials to bring the rail upgrades you see today! Traded the old grain elevator ground to those officials for our share of the cost to build the new station, which I think looks great compared to the old site. Sold closing the sidewalk to the old depot for \$150,000, that money is in a CD to be used for curb and gutters on West Main and East Main Streets. RR will be resurfacing those streets. Negotiated the two crossings, and with board approval picked these two out of 3 choices. The RR and IDOT have helped with many street repairs!

In November 2009 I started working with Frank Illes and Loves people on bringing Loves to Dwight. I think that's been the greatest addition in years to Dwight. Frank was a wonderful person to work with, and that helped down the road. We needed to put traffic control lights at Rt. 47 & Northbrook Drive, as per a letter from IDOT we could not have another business in that area until lights were there! Te cost was \$500,000.00 and Loves Loaned us the money at no interest to be paid back as we could with sales tax money (Paid back in two years)

Added 2 back-up gas generator's on the two wells to keep the village in water in case of long electric outage.

Implemented the Emergency Telephone System for the Village.

3-Grants 1-Safe Sidewalks to School, 2-Grant to remodel Old Historic Depot (new Roof) 3- Pine Cone Path

In my four years held water and sewer rates in check, no real estate tax corp raises!!

My opponent did nothing for 3 1/2 years then 6 months before the election borrows 10 Million Dollars rushes to fix a few streets, but not the real streets that needed attention first like (North St., Wilmac St., Chippewa St., Chicago St. from James St. to Rt. 17, older streets on the South West part of town William, James, S. Clinton, just to name a few.

Do you realize that a child entering first grade and if he stays in school and graduates from Dwight goes to college, that child will never see Dwight out of Debt!

In addition to putting Dwight in the biggest DEBT in Dwight History he voted himself a \$3000.00 dollar raise as Village President, which also the biggest pay raise in Dwight History!! This was ridiculous and uncalled for given our Debt!!

When I'm elected Village President, I will give this back to the community! I'll give \$1,000.00 to the Love Boxes, I'll give \$1,000.00 to Kids for Christmas, and \$1,000.00 to the Food Pantry!!



Bill Wilkey

On April 4th vote for Bill Wilkey.

Return financial stability, integrity, pride, and friendly services!!

Paid by committee to Elect Wilkey.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF) NO. 2017-P-24

LORENE BOESCHEN BACKER,)
DECEASED.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LORENE BOESCHEN BACKER, Good Samaritan Home, Flanagan, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued to the following person as Independent Executor, namely: JANE JONES, 20489 N 700 East Road, Graymont, Illinois, whose attorneys are CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL, EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP, 204 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois, 61764.

Claims may be filed on or before the 15th day of September, 2017. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at Livingston County Law and Justice Center, Pontiac, Illinois, 61764, or claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or both. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Personal Representative and to his attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated: March 15, 2017

CAUGHEY, LEGNER, FREEHILL,
EHRGOTT & MANN, LLP
Attorneys for Independent Executor
204 North Main Street
Pontiac, IL 61764
(815) 842-1112

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: The matter of the Estate of)
JOHN M. ANDERSON, Deceased) No. 17-P-21

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of JOHN M. ANDERSON, whose place of residence at the time of his death was 306 E. Wilmac, Dwight, Illinois 60420, and who died on February 1, 2017.

Letters of Office as Independent Executor of the estate of JOHN M. ANDERSON were issued on February 28, 2017 to, GERALD L. ANDERSON, 505 N. Washington, Dwight, Illinois 60420 and whose attorney is Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a copy of this notice to a known and reasonably ascertainable creditor, whichever date is later. The date of the first publication of this notice is March 8, 2017. Any claim not filed on or before the above dates is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764, in cause No. 17-P-21 or with the Independent Administrator or both. Copies of all claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent administrator and the administrator's attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

DONALD R. MCCLAREY
Attorney for the Independent Executor
of the Estate Of, JOHN M. ANDERSON Deceased
313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9
Dwight, IL 60420-0009
815-584-1525

Card Shower
to Honor
Lynn Moore's
80th Birthday

A card shower is being held for Helen Moore, known to most as Lynn, in honor of her 80th birthday.

Born March 29, 1937, in Dwight, Helen now resides at Pontiac Rehab and Healthcare. She worked at Dwight Grade School for many years and also Heritage Health (Continental Manor) before retiring.

You may mail cards to her at 508 S. Union St. B6, Dwight, IL 60420.

Aebelskiver
Breakfast in
Dwight April 9;
Kringle Sale
Underway

The Dwight Danish Brotherhood is currently taking orders for Kringle, which must be placed by March 30 by calling 815-584-2753 or 815-584-1297.

Pickup will be Saturday, April 8, at the Dwight VFW from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The Aebelskiver Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 9, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the VFW.

Giacometti, Sancken
to be Wed June 24

Alicia Marie Giacometti and Kyle John Sancken, both of Dwight, are getting married on June 24, 2017, at The Barn at Hornbaker Gardens in Princeton.

The bride's parents are Leo and Michelle Giacometti of Cabery, and the groom's parents are Charles and Kim Sancken of Emington.

The bride's grandparents are Theresa Gee of Kankakee and the late Robert Jett of Manteno, and the late Anton and Mary Giacometti. The groom's grandparents are Marshall and Marilyn Sancken of Pontiac and the late Ralph and Bernice Sassenger.

Alicia is a 2010 graduate of Tri-Point High School in Cullom and received her associates degree in respiratory therapy from KCC in 2013. She is employed by



Alicia Giacometti and Kyle Sancken

OSF St. James Hospital in Pontiac and OSF St. Joseph Hospital in Bloomington.

Kyle is a 2009 graduate of Dwight Township High School and received an associates degree in Ag Business in 2012 from JCC. He is employed by Orica USA INC. in Seneca.



Audrey Hollis Milbauer wrapped in a blanket with both great-grandmothers' names embossed on it, for whom she is named.

A girl!

Mark and Emily of Lakewood, CO, formerly of Dwight and Woodstock, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Hollis Milbauer.

Audrey was born on February 17, 2017. She weighed 7.1 pounds and was 20" in length.

Maternal grandmother is Jeanne Haager of Denver, CO, and grandfather is Robert Haager of Woodstock. Paternal grandmother is Barbara Milbauer of Dwight and grandfather Jenn Milbauer (deceased).

Odell Townwide
Garage Sales April 7, 8

Odell Townwide Garage Sales are set for Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8.

To have your name added to the list, send name, address, phone number, and

fee to P.O. Box 173, Odell, IL, 60460, by Friday, March 31.

Maps will be available at Odell Bank and various sales.



Megan Gale Cornale

Watch for National A Day Placemats
Tucek Takes 2nd in Kindergarten

Colorful placemats can be found at area restaurants and coffee shops to celebrate National Agriculture Day in March. These placemats showcase the winning designs of two Livingston County students who were participants in a Placemat Design Contest that was sponsored by the Agriculture Literacy Partnership of Livingston County's Soil and Water Conservation District, Farm Bureau, and University of Illinois Extension.

The theme, "Hats Off To Agriculture," encouraged students in grades one

through four to recognize the many things that agriculture provides to them. Students traced familiar items (food, clothing, or fuel) back to the farm, where it begins. There were two grade divisions for judging, grades 1-2 and grades 3-4. Awards were presented to the top three entries in each division and the first place entries now have their designs printed on full color placemats, which will be found in area restaurants through March 25. The winners were from St. Mary's, Flanagan, and Graymont Schools.

Kindergartners Learn that Farmers Wear Many Different Hats

In a separate contest, kindergarten students received coloring sheets using the "Hats Off To Agriculture" theme. Students learned that farmers wear many different career hats as they care for their animals and crops. Every contest participant received the "ABC's of Illinois Agriculture" coloring book.

Placing second from The Paper territory was Lexi Tucek from Tri-Point Elementary.

OBITUARY

Donald L. Pfeifer, Sr.

COAL CITY – Donald L. Pfeifer, Sr., 85, of Coal City passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Park Pointe Healthcare in Morris.



of the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Coal City.

He served on the board of the Grundy County Conservation; Goodfarm Township trustee; Goodfarm Township school board member; and United Way. He was a member of the Coal City Lions Club.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Southcombe Pfeifer, who he married June 25, 1952; and three children: Donald Jr. (Mary) Pfeifer; Linda (Charles) Basham; and Melissa (Dean) Vigna.

Nine grandchildren survive: Sarah (Adam) Chad-dock, Joseph (Tylen) Pfeifer, Michael (Maegan) Pfeifer, Daniel (Leslie) Pfeifer, Patrick (Jordan) Pfeifer, Julia (Andrew) Williams, Timothy (Erika) Basham, Matthew (Laura

Basham, and Allison (Justin) Anderson.

Twelve great-grandchildren: Abigail Chaddock, Lillian Chaddock, Beatrice Chaddock, Colin Pfeifer, Camryn Pfeifer, Beckett Pfeifer, Sullivan Pfeifer, Nolan Pfeifer, Sadie Pfeifer, Aven Basham, Addison Basham, and Gavin Basham; a special cousin, Kathy (Hubert) Grush; and nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William Pfeifer and Robert Pfeifer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to New Hope Presbyterian Church, Joliet Area Community Hospice, or the Nursing Scholarship at Coal City High School.

To visit his on-line guest-book, you may log onto: rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

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OBITUARIES

Jeanette E. Myers

RANSOM – Jeanette E. Myers, 85, of Ransom (and more recently of Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac) passed away Monday, March 13, 2017 at OSF St. James Medical Center, Pontiac.



Along with her husband, she farmed in the rural Ransom area for many years. She was a lifetime member of St. Patrick’s Church in Ransom and the Altar and Rosary Society.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Anthony Ego at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 18, in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Ransom. Burial: St. Patrick Cemetery, Ransom. Her grandchildren: Meghan, Brian, and Lauren Cassady; and Wyatt Griffith; and her great-niece and great-nephew, Molly and Sean Brockman, served as pallbearers. Samantha Myers, Tyler Myers and Kendale Cassady were honorary pallbearers.

Visitation was Friday, March 17, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Solon-Telford Funeral Home, Streator, with the rosary recited at 7 p.m. Additional visitation was from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to St. Patrick Church in Ransom or St. Paul Catholic School in Odell. On-line condolences may be left for the family at: www.solontelford.com

She was also preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Frances Heddens and Mary Catherine Delfava; and a brother, Kevin Daniher.

Jeanette was raised in the Ransom area and attended a rural country grade school. She graduated from Dwight High School, class of 1949. She worked for Lipton Tea Company for several years.

Emilie J. Yusko

STREATOR – Emilie J. Yusko, 79, of Streator passed away Monday, March 13, 2017 at her residence.

Emilie was born April 2, 1937 in Lostant, daughter of Albert and Suzanna Zimmer Dose. She married Gerald F. Yusko April 16, 1955 in St. John’s Church in Lostant. Her husband preceded her in death May 23, 2014.

She is survived by daughters: Becky White of Kangley; Lori (Chris) Roberts of Streator; and Pauline (Craig) Erikson of Dwight; sons: Gerald C. (Margie) Yusko of Scottsboro, Alabama; and Daniel (Lisa) Yusko of Frankfort; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marcia Thompson of Ohio, Illinois.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Albert and George Dose; and a sister, Bernadine McNally.

Arlinda S. Simack

STELLE – Arlinda S. “Wendi” Simack, 67, of Stelle died Monday, March 13, 2017 at Riverside Hospital, Kankakee.



Wendi was born October 29, 1949 in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Melville Davis and Judith Massler. She married Alexander Simack in New York June 30, 1969. They divorced in 1999. He survives. She was engaged to Dave Sanders in Stelle in 2003. He died in 2009.

Wendi attended high school in New York, and studied Speech/Language at Governor’s State University, earning her Masters Degree. She was a Speech/Language Pathologist in the Harvey

School District, Harvey, for more than 10 years, retiring in 2014.

Surviving are her daughter, Julie Simack (Anthony Feinman) of Bloomington; two brothers, Dennis Davis of Joliet and Robert Davis of Peoria, Arizona; nieces and nephews: Lena and Jason Sanders of Crest Hill; Devin Davis and Hope Ashley Brandt of Texas; Melissa and Ryan Rodgers and Carrie Davis of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother.

Cremation rites were accorded by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Karen K. Kohlmeier

SAUNEMIN – Karen K. Kohlmeier, 74, of Saunemin passed away Friday, March 17, 2017 at 7:45 a.m. at Evenglow Lodge Tjardes Health Center in Pontiac.



Visitation will be Thursday, March 23, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Saunemin United Methodist Church in Saunemin.

Her service will be Friday, March 24, at 11 a.m. in the Church with Pastor Jane Bradford officiating.

Burial will follow in Sunny Slope Cemetery, Saunemin.

Karen was born May 11, 1942 in Pontiac, daughter of Kenneth and Dolores Asper Kelson. She married Eldon “Bud” Kohlmeier July 16, 1961 in Pontiac. He survives in Saunemin.

Also surviving are her children: Deborah (Roger) Bressner of Pontiac; Jeffrey (Tracey) Kohlmeier of Bourbonnais; and Timothy (Stephanie) Kohlmeier of Pontiac; a sister, Joyce Kelson of Hollywood, Florida; grandchildren: Kohl Bressner, Ross Bressner, Zachary (Kristin) Kohlmeier, Lauren Kohlmeier, Alex Kohlmeier, Kayla Kohlmeier, and special friend, Leslie Alappattu.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Emogene Friant; and one grandson, Casey Kohlmeier.

Karen was a graduate of Pontiac Township High School, class of 1960. She had worked at Bank of Pontiac, Pontiac Hicksgas, and Saunemin Elementary School for 26 years.

She was a member of Saunemin United Methodist Church, and was involved through the years as a Sunday School teacher. She also helped with Vacation Bible School. Karen touched many young lives during her time at Saunemin Grade School. Her love for all of them was felt widely throughout the community and by parents. She also enjoyed helping at the Saunemin Chad Johnson Food Pantry.

Memorials may be made to Saunemin United Methodist Church, Saunemin Fire Department, or the Chad Johnson Food Pantry.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at duffyfuneralhome.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Bank of Pontiac, an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 16-CH-70
VENTURA J. RIOS, SR.,)
STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
and unknown owners and)
non-record claimants,)
Defendants)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Donald R. McClarey, McClarey Law Office, 313 S. Prairie Ave., P.O. Box 9, Dwight, IL 60420-0009; (815) 584-1525.

B. The common address of the real estate is 105 E. Ash St., Fairbury, IL 61739

C. The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 10 and the West half of Lot 11 in Block 29, North Addition to the City of Fairbury, Livingston County, Illinois. PIN: 25-03-407-002

Commonly known as: 105 E. Ash St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family two-story residence; ten rooms, including four bedrooms and two bathrooms, plus 3/4 basement and two-car attached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.



F. The date, time and place of the sale are: April 4, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

G. The terms of the sale are: 50% paid at sale and balance paid within 48 hours of sale, all in cash or certified funds. No refunds. H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions apparent and of record.

I. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

DONALD R. McCLAREY, Attorney for Bank Of Pontiac

Minutes with Boma



A CHANCE MEETING

I would first off like to apologize to anyone who picked Florida to lose in the first round after I advised to do so, they did not lose, and I couldn't have been more wrong.

Aside from that I would just like to touch on a few events that have unfolded over the last couple weeks in the Chicago land area.

The first, and biggest, most important being, Chance The Rapper decided to take it upon himself to help the Chicago Public school system, and pledged to donate 1,000,000.

The money will be coming from ticket sales during his upcoming tour as he partnered with a few of the companies like Live Nation who will help coordinate the funding.

The real interesting part of this story is it came on the heels of his meeting with the Governor of the state, Bruce Rauner. The primary reason for the meeting was to discuss the funding of Chicago public schools, and the lack of funding it has been receiving while Illinois has been trying to settle on a budget.

At one point, Chance told him that the kids need to be taken off of the table, and out of the conversation of what should be funded and what shouldn't be. Chance stated that their meeting consisted of Rauner giving him a lot of vague answers in regards to some of his questions surrounding the budget for the Chicago schools.

It really says something about the state of Illinois when an independent artist, with no major label backing is doing more for the public school system than either the Governor of the state, or the mayor of the city, for that matter.

At one point, Rauner and Rahm Emmanuel were arguing via twitter, and Chance responded to both of them saying that it was very embarrassing.

In politics there are a lot of things that fall into the grey area, a lot of things that take some delegation, but funding for public schools shouldn't be one of them.

It shouldn't start and stop with Chance though, if you have the ability to help the public school system, and help it run more efficiently, the you should step up and do so.

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BANK OF PONTIAC, an Illinois Banking Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 16-CH-58
JOSHUA D. CHRISTIANSON,)
WILLIAM ABRAHAM d/b/a Abraham)
Masonry, and unknown owners and)
non-record claimants,)
Defendants)

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B. The common address of the real estate is 321 E. Herbert St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: Commencing at a point 247 feet East of the Southwest corner of Lot 7 of the Subdivision of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 28 North, Range 5 East of the Third Principal Meridian, thence East 75 feet, thence North 287 feet 4 inches, thence West 75 feet, thence South 287 feet 4 inches to the place of beginning. Situated in the Livingston County, Illinois, EXCEPT Commencing at a point 322.00 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Lot 7, said point being the Southeast corner of a parcel deeded to Robert L. & Mildred L. Fair recorded as Document Number 435507 in the Livingston County Recorder's Office; thence North 72.00 feet along a line parallel with the West line of said Lot 7 to the True Point of Beginning; thence West 2.50 feet along a line parallel to the South line of said Lot 7, thence Northwesterly, 214.64 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 7, said point being 7.00 feet West of the Northeast corner of the parcel as described in said Document Number 435507; thence East, 7.00 feet along the North line of said Lot 7 to said Northeast corner; thence South 214.71 feet along the East line of the parcel as described in said Document Number 435507 to the point of beginning, said exception containing 0.02 acres, more or less, ALSO EXCEPT Commencing at a point on the South line of said Lot 7 lying 247.00 feet East of the Southwest corner thereof; thence North 154.33 feet along a line parallel with the West line of said Lot 7 to the Point of Beginning; from said Point of Beginning, thence East 70.78 feet along a line parallel with said South line to a point on the West line of a parcel of land conveyed by Robert L. Fair & Mildred L. Fair to John J. Krupka & Elaine K. Krupka per Quit Claim Deed dated October 30, 1992; thence North 133.00 feet along said West line which forms an angle to the right of 90 degrees 19 minutes with the last described course; thence West 68.00 feet along a line parallel with said South line & which forms an angle to the right of 89 degrees 41 minutes with the last described course; thence South 133 feet along a line parallel with the West line of said Lot 7 & which forms an angle to the right of 91 degrees 31 minutes with the last described course to the Point of Beginning. PIN: 15-15-27-230-017

Commonly known as: 321 E. Herbert St., Pontiac, IL 61764

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family two-story residence; nine rooms, including three bedrooms and two bathrooms, plus full basement and two-car detached garage.

E. The real estate may not be inspected prior to the sale.

F. The date, time and place of the sale are: April 4, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., Livingston County Law & Justice Center, 110 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764.

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DONALD R. McCLAREY, Attorney for Bank Of Pontiac


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Tuesday, April 11, 2017

being the second Tuesday of said month
at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P.M. at

Mazon Township Hall for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers; and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Business of the Township.

Dated March 15, 2017

Gordon M. Gantzert
Town Clerk

– March 13 Board Actions –

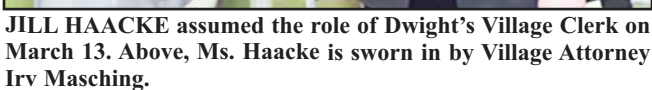
Dwight Village Council Works on Budget

McNamara noted the pro-

A Resolution in support of certifying a convention and visitors bureau with the State of Illinois was approved. Due to the State of Illinois closing the Land of Lincoln Regional Tourism Development Office which had previously served the Village of Dwight, the village will now certify with the Heritage Corridor and Convention and Visitors bureau, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation currently serving Grundy County and counties to the north of Dwight with the objective to generate tourism in the State and this

"I just want to make sure I understand the rules," Moyemont told the board, indicating that he believes fair and consistent enforcement of ordi-

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9337	2017	Buick	Enclave	Premium	AWD	Ebony Twilight	\$53,505	\$5,133	\$48,372
9375	2017	Buick	Enclave	Leather	FWD	Quicksilver	\$45,085	\$4,603	\$40,482
9376	2017	Buick	Enclave	Premium	FWD	Quicksilver Metallic	\$51,110	\$4,930	\$46,180
9391	2017	Buick	Enclave	Leather	FWD	Summit White	\$44,985	\$4,595	\$40,390
9349	2017	Buick	Encore	Preferred II	FWD	River Rock Metallic	\$30,255	\$2,323	\$27,932
9352	2017	Buick	Encore	Preferred II	FWD	Quicksilver Metallic	\$28,185	\$2,158	\$26,027
9392	2017	Buick	Encore	Preferred II	FWD	Winterberry Red	\$28,740	\$2,202	\$26,538
9357	2017	Buick	Encore	Essence	AWD	Winterberry Red	\$33,955	\$2,434	\$31,521
9365	2017	Buick	Encore	Essence	FWD	White Frost Tri Coat	\$33,055	\$2,437	\$30,618
9340	2017	Buick	Envision	Essence	FWD	Chili Red Metallic	\$39,595	\$3,905	\$35,690
9354	2017	Buick	Envision	Essence	FWD	Chili Red	\$41,275	\$6,604	\$34,671
9334	2017	Buick	LaCrosse	Essence	FWD	Black Onyx	\$42,730	\$3,231	\$39,499
9404	2017	Buick	LaCrosse	Essence	FWD	Crimson Red	\$41,675	\$3,147	\$38,528
9300	2017	Buick	Regal	Premium II	FWD	Ebony Twilight Metallic	\$32,935	\$1,300	\$31,635
AWARD WINNING CHEVROLET VEHICLES									
9328	2017	Chevrolet	Camaro	LT	RWD	Hyper Blue	\$39,240	\$4,578	\$34,662
9299	2017	Chevrolet	Corvette	Grand Sport 2LT	RWD	Black	\$79,980	\$7,665	\$72,315
9312	2017	Chevrolet	Cruze	LT	FWD	Summit White	\$23,475	\$3,713	\$19,762
9402	2017	Chevrolet	Cruze	LT	FWD	Cajun Red	\$24,365	\$2,029	\$22,336
9346	2017	Chevrolet	Cruze	LT	FWD	Nightfall Gray Metallic	\$24,015	\$1,992	\$22,023
9209	2016	Chevrolet	Cruze	LT	FWD	Black Granite Metallic	\$22,525	\$6,454	\$16,071
9317	2017	Chevrolet	Malibu	LT	FWD	Silver Ice Metallic	\$26,895	\$3,816	\$23,079
9403	2017	Chevrolet	Malibu	LT	FWD	Nightfall Gray Metallic	\$26,895	\$3,035	\$23,860
AWARD WINNING CHEVROLET TRUCK MONTH									
9374	2017	Chevrolet	Silverado DBL	LT	4WD	Graphite Metallic	\$45,805	\$5,865	\$39,940
9366	2017	Chevrolet	Silverado Crew	LT	4WD	Pepperdust	\$51,055	\$9,199	\$41,856
9388	2017	Chevrolet	Silverado Crew	LT	4WD	Pepperdust	\$46,720	\$6,922	\$39,798
9396	2017	Chevrolet	Silverado Crew	LT	4wd	Siren Red Tintcoat	\$50,205	\$7,305	\$42,900
9400	2017	Chevrolet	Silverado Crew	LT	4WD	Black	\$48,410	\$6,806	\$41,604
9390	2017	Chevrolet	Traverse	LT	AWD	Mosaic Black	\$43,960	\$5,274	\$38,686
9399	2017	Chevrolet	Trax	LS	FWD	Silver Ice	\$21,895	\$3,115	\$18,780

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3. Docia Hancock/Glenda Kutos

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DTHS Board of Education March Actions

by Madelyn Fogarty

The Dwight Township High School Board of Education met on March 15 with members of the DTHS Varsity Scholastic Bowl team present. They were recognized by the BOE for their recent achievements.

The DTHS Varsity Scholastic Bowl team is the SVC regular season champions, SVC tournament champions, and became Regional champions on March 6. Members of the team include Brendan Reamer, Alex Pampinella, Bubba Schultz, Hayden Tjelle, Mason Imhoff, and Andrew Myzia. The team is coached by Mr. Weber and Mr. Reamer.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Jancek reported that RFPs concerning food service went out in February with current provider Arbor Management being the only food service vendor at the pre-bid meeting. A review of the bid package will be presented at the April meeting.

A discussion on possible changes to registration fees took place. Superintendent Jancek talked about issues with the current registration fee process that has “lots of moving parts” and various fees. Dr. Jancek suggested moving to a single registration fee that would cover all activities. The standardized fee is intended to make the process simpler for parents and the school and help to ease the move to on-line fee payments. No specified dollar amount was given for what the standard fee might be, but a starting point for determining the standard registration fee could be taking the registration revenue total and dividing by the student enrollment to determine the average fee paid. An exception to the standardized fee could be the charge for LACC.

Despite any change, it was noted that, in comparison to other schools, DTHS fees are reasonably set.

“We are very affordable,” stated Dr. Jancek.

The board supported moving forward to develop a new registration fee plan.

In financials, in was reported that the State of Illinois currently owes the District \$82,388.44 in late mandated categorical payments for the 2016-17 school year, as well as, \$11,420.20 for the 2015-16 school year.

The BOE also:

• affirmed employment of Maleah White, Girls Head Track Coach.

• accepted resignation of Erik Black, Teacher and Coach.

• accepted resignation of Robert Weber, Teacher.

• agreed to Jenn Myzia joining the Bus Driver/Teamster Negotiating Team to replace Kathy Perry, who is not seeking reelection to the BOE.

• approved employment of non-tenured teachers for 2017 – 18 as presented.

• approved tenure status for teachers Justin Gund, Justin Stevenson, Becky Stepanovich, and Jodi Minnaert.

• gave direction to utilize a \$10,000 Activity Account CD which has matured.

The next meeting of the Dwight Township High School Board of Education will be Wednesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in the DTHS Board Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens Meet

The Southeastern Grundy County Senior Citizens met for their regular monthly meeting at the Gardner Restaurant with nine present. Guests Donna Lewis and Anita Drendel were welcomed.

Grace was said by all, holding hands and praying The Lord’s Prayer.

Lunch was enjoyed by the choice on the menu, served by Kim, and cake, in honor of Shirley Harland (Happy Birthday was sung).

Each place-setting had green and white doilies for St. Pat’s Day, given by Pres. Hansen. There was a candle holder in St. Pat’s deco also. A door prize was won by guest Anita Drendel.

LaVerne Naretto is celebrating her 90th birthday and a card was signed by all.

The business meeting was opened by a tinkle of a spoon on a glass by Pres. Hansen. All who were able stood for the Pledge to the flag.

The secretary read the February minutes. A change of date for the world day of prayer was corrected and the report was accepted as changed.

The treasurer’s report was accounted for, approved, and ordered to be placed on file.

Shut-ins and Honorary Members are June, Mary Ann, Rosemary, LaVerne, Evelyn, Jackie, and Florence.

There were no cards sent. Jackie is still recuperating.

Community Events included the Lions Pancake Breakfast on March 12, the corned beef and cabbage in Campus, and the food pantry in South Wilmington being open March 13.

The President announced that a new slate of officers will be in charge for the April 7 meeting, including:

Pres. Sharon Pickles, Vice President Shirly Clapp, Treasurer Sandy Sowers, and Secretary Ida Schopp.

A motion to accept already voted-in officers was approved. All agreed.

Pres. Hansen, and Treasurer of 24 and 23 years

Cullom Brush Pickup Service Resumes April 7-Oct. 27

The Village of Cullom’s brush and branch pickup program will resume service April 7 through October 27, with Friday being the designated day for pickup from residents. Items should be out prior to 6:00 a.m., and requirements for pickup are as follows:

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All grass clippings, leaves, corn husks, evergreen clippings, vines, and small twigs must be placed in manageable bags (33 gallon or less) or small containers. No items placed in large garbage cans will be picked up.

Garden waste, including vegetables, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, etc. will not be picked up. Walnuts must be placed in containers no larger than five gallon size. All containers used are to have holes in them for water drainage. No boards will be picked up.

Branches, leaves, and other yard waste generated by a private contractor, or individuals hired by a resident or property owners do not qualify for the pickup program. Branches, leaves, and other yard waste of this type must be properly disposed of by said private contractor, or other private service, and disposed of in their dumpsite.

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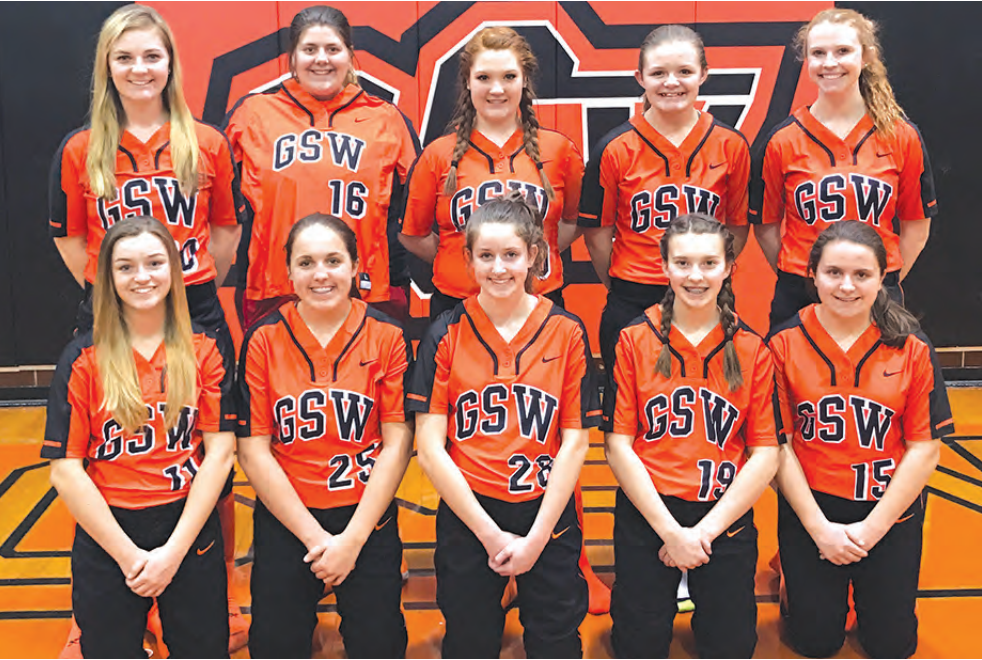
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GSW LADY PANTHERS FOR 2017, pictured, front row, 1 to r, are: Jenni Price, Madelyn Storm, Carson Halpin, Tori King and Emily Beck. Back row, 1 to r, Sydney Perkins, Nikki Shelton, Delaney Miner, Shelby Serena and Kira Gleason. Not pictured: Angelica Pink.



Head Coach:
Layne Miller

Former Morris High School standout Layne Miller has taken over the reigns of Gardner-South Wilmington’s softball program, and is poised to lead the Lady Panthers to success in 2017.

Returning seniors who will be asked to help in providing leadership to this young GSW squad are Kira Gleason, Sydney Perkins, and Jenni Price – all of whom had big 2016 seasons. Delaney Miner, a junior, will also be looked upon to add a spark in the lineup.

The Lady Panthers will have some fresh faces also,

GSW LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL

with freshmen Shelby Serena, Tori King, Carson Halpin, Emily Beck, and Madelyn Storm entering the fray, as well as senior Nikki Shelton, and their coach says they are ready and willing to learn new things.

“Our returning players are great leaders...athletic, and versatile,” stated Coach Miller, “which will help to cover key spots in the field. The new additions come in with a lot of athleticism and a great attitude about the commitment to the team. The girls have had to take over new roles on this team and they have done so with a great deal of maturity.”

With low numbers this season posing an issue, this year’s Lady Panthers will have to utilize those good attitudes and work together to make a difference on the field.

“I look forward to them taking leadership roles on the team,” Miller says. “The team is young, but they show great prior knowledge of the game. All of the girls are dedicated to doing what is best for the team and taking on roles that they may not have expected.”

If they are to stand up to teams like conference foes and favorites, Beecher, GSW will have to bring it together and rise up to the call. And it looks like the pieces of the puzzle are coming together.



TRI-POINT’S LADY CHARGERS FOR 2017, pictured, front row, 1 to r, are Gabby McDermott, Kayla Dunlavey, Palvee Singh, Dakota Jonkman-Mills; second row, Abby Kerrins, Kiara McDonald, Kaitlyn Miles, Lindsay Haren, Cassidy Hindman; back row, Anicah Bruner, Nicole Arwood, Margie Billerbeck, Raele Lane, and Samantha Bielawski. Not pictured: Madyson Followell and AmyJo Steichen.



Head Coach:
Will Patterson
Assistant Coach:
Emily Campbell
2016 Record: 0-25

The only way is up for the 2017 Lady Chargers, as Tri-Point plans on bouncing back from a disappointing 0-25 showing from last season.

“We improved as the year went on and kept some games closer,” said head coach Will Patterson of this past year, “but we just never got over the hump for a win.”

None of that makes a difference now, though, as the team looks forward.

The Lady Chargers are young, returning four starters who were just freshmen last season.

“Having one year behind them is definitely a plus,” says Patterson. “We can pick up where we left off last year

TRI-POINT LADY CHARGERS SOFTBALL

and really show some improvement.”

Those four now-sophomores are pitcher Anicah Bruner, shortstop Abby Kerrins, third baseman Cassidy Hindman, and center fielder Kayla Dunlavey. These ladies join senior catcher Madyson Followell and junior first baseman Raele Lane as returning starters. Gabby McDermott and Lindsay Haren are their letter-men returners.

First-year sophomores Sam Bielawski and Dakota Jonkman-Mills, along with freshman Margie Billerbeck, will be looked at to provide some depth in the outfield, but Tri-Point believes their strength is in their infield. Three returning infielders and two returning catchers should be able to improve their progress from a year ago.

“We have 15 girls out for softball this year,” said Patterson, “which is really encouraging when you consider how we struggled last year. What it shows is that girls want to play and they want to learn the game. We have a long way to go to think about winning a regional or anything like that, but at least we have girls willing to try. They are all working hard to try to find a spot on the field and in the end that is what will make us a better team. It is also the first step to developing a successful program.”

With Beecher once again the hands-down favorite in the conference, and other tough teams stacking up against them, the Lady Chargers will have to go hard every single game. But it seems as if things are now heading in the proper direction.



DWIGHT’S LADY TROJANS FOR 2017, pictured, front row, 1 to r, are Head Coach Erik Black, Megan O’Brien, Kaitlyn Masching, Kaitlyn Harms, Taylor Anderson, Abby Houch, Hayley Schlabowski, Sydney Christensen, Becky Ruder, Maddi Groves, Morgan Zabel, Macey Rodosky, Abby Edwards, Leah Flynn, LynnDee Hale, Asst. Coach Erin Gaston, Asst. Coach Tim Harms.

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DTHS LADY TROJANS SOFTBALL



Head Coach:
Erik Black
Assistant Coaches:
Erin Gaston, Megan O’Brien, Tim Harms
2016 Record: 17-14

Coming off a 17-14 showing last season, the Lady Trojans – led by head coach

Erik Black – will be right there in the mix with the likes of Mokence and Watseka in the SVC in 2017.

“We feel that the 2017 season has the potential to be a very successful season,” Black stated. “We feel that we have excellent pitching; will be a very good defensive

team; and should score a lot of runs.”

Much of the load will rely on those returning to the field for Dwight, including Sydney Christensen, Becky Ruder, Maddi Groves, Abby Edwards, LynnDee Hale, Kaitlyn Masching, Macey Rodosky, and Morgan Zabel.

Hayley Schlabowski, Leah Flynn, Kaitlyn Harms, Abby Houch, and Taylor Anderson are also players who will offer key contributions throughout the year.

“The girls coming back have played a lot of varsity softball games,” said Black, “and some of the games were

against some very good teams. They will be ready for the teams that are on our schedule. Looking forward to them having a good season.”

The girls just joining the team at the varsity level this season boast some quality athletes. The staff feels they

are going to be very good additions to the team.

Black says Dwight’s goal is to win the conference championship and make a deep run in the post season. If the Lady Trojans can bring it all together, that’s likely to become a reality.

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DTHS TRACK TROJANS FOR 2017, pictured, front row, l-r, are: Matt Weissmann, Jack James, Randall Phillips, Joey Fedele, Kerrick Dyer, Kolby Smith, Andrew Brown, J.C. Santos, Jaxson Tarnowski, Blake Hill, Donovan Garcia. Middle Row: Coach Stickle, Coach Funk, Coach White, Hayley Cummings, Alexis Brooke, Kathlene Huffaker, Jillian Frauli, Hannah Van Der Karr, Daly Galloway, Isavel Lopez, Ali Kirk, Tori Hayner, Shelby Putman, Chloe Butterbrodt, Julie Ramsey, Lucy Rieke, Coach Howard, and Coach Lane. Back row: Christian Williams, Ben Myzia, Calvin Croy, Josh Pearson, Dylan Hill, Bryson Connor, Garrett Severson, and Dan Muller.

DTHS Trojans Track

Coaching Staff:
Larry Lane (22 years): Boys Head Coach, Throws Coach
Maleah White (6 years): Girls Head Coach, Jumps, Sprints Coach
Melissa Funk (7 years): Sprints, Hurdles Coach
Trevor Howard (3rd year) and Stephanie Simms-Stickel: Distance
The 2017 track and field season is underway and Dwight has already shown that they are

a force to be reckoned with. The Trojan boys are much younger than last season, but head coach Larry Lane says his small squad is improving with their hard work. “Blake Hill (sprints) and Christian Williams (hurdles) are leading the way in practice,” Lane stated. “Our middle distance crew is experienced with Dan Muller, J.C. Santos, and Koby Smith turning in strong 800m times so far.”

The throwing events has four athletes who are also showing continued development. Newcomers to the program have added talent and depth to the team, and they include Bryson Connor, Joey Fedele, Donovan Garcia, Dylan Hill, Jack James, Randall Phillips, Garrett Severson, and Jaxson Tarnowski. Returning for the Trojans are Andrew Brown, Calvin

Croy, Kerrick Dyer, Hill, Adin Krischel, Muller, Ben Myzia, Josh Pearson, Santos, Smith, Mat Weissmann, and Williams. For the Lady Trojans, they have 14 athletes training hard and expecting late season success. “Our state qualifiers from 2016 all return much improved,” said head coach Maleah White. Those girls include Alison Kirk (4x4), Isavel Lopez (4x4),

Daly Galloway (3200, 1600, 4x4), Julie Ramsey (100HH, 300LH, 4x4), and Marlana Ferrari (HJ). Returners Chloe Butterbrodt (sprints), Lucy Rieke (throws), and Hayley Cummings (pole vault) make the team stronger, while the coaching staff says the rest of the squad has shown promise and will add to the excitement of the season. Also returning for Dwight is Jillian Frauli, Tori Hayner, and

Hannah Van Der Karr. Newcomers are Alexis Brooke Kathlene Huffaker, and Shelby Putnam. The staff added that they’re excited with their squads as they push themselves in practice to improve. “Our athletes always have the same goal,” Lane says, “run well and on Big Blue in May. With their performances so far, May will be an exciting time for the 2017 team.”

GSW Panthers Baseball

Head Coach:
Allan Wills (2nd year)
Assistant Coaches:
Tony Wise, Jeff Wepprecht
2016 Record:
10-14
After an exit in the regional semis in 2016 following a loss to Galva, the Panthers head into this season with an athletic and experienced team. A team with high hopes of sitting atop the SVC at the end of the year. Gardner-South Wilming-ton returns all but one of their starters from last season, with many seniors on the squad hav-

ing played varsity for all four seasons. Some key starters and contributors returning for GSW are Connor Hays (P/IF), Braden Marks (IF/P), Austin Kavanaugh (OF/IF/C), Joey Morales (IF/P), Matthew Wepprecht (1B/P), Nathan Wozniak (OF/IF), Mike Wise (OF). The only new guy to the varsity roster is catcher/pitcher Dustyn Muzzarelli, who head coach Allan Wills says will be nice because “catching depth would have been a problem for us – hopefully he will fill that position nicely.”

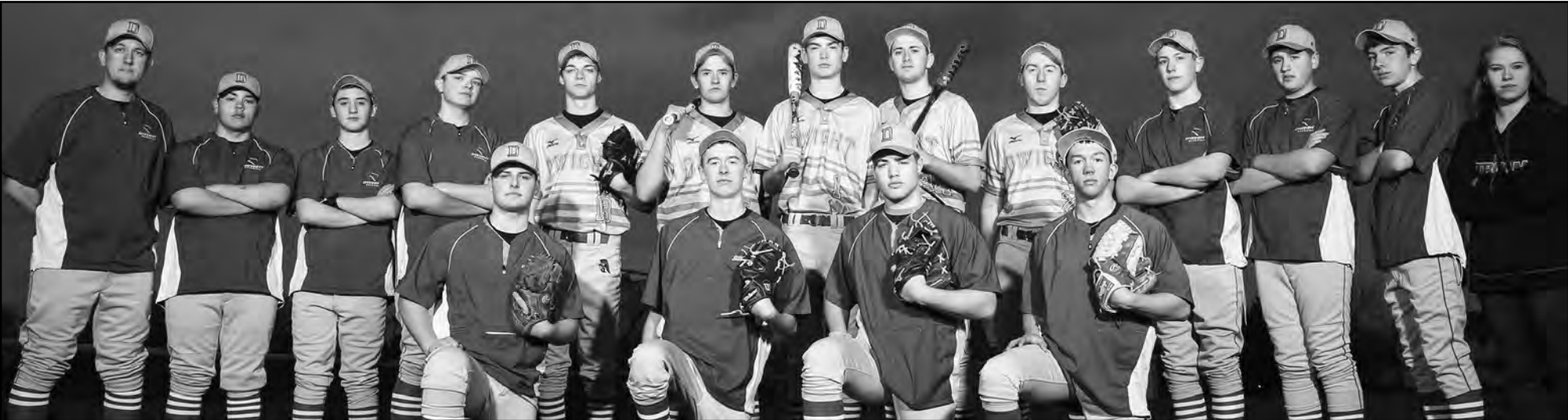
“Our lineup should be pretty good from top to bottom,” Wills adds. “We are a pretty athletic team and should be able to score a lot of runs offensively.” When asked about who will be the team to beat, Wills says, aside from his Panthers, that Beecher and Illinois Lutheran will once again be in the running for king of the conference. “We should be right there with them if we play to our abilities,” he says. If these expectations can be met, then fans can expect a far better end result from GSW in 2017.

Herscher Tigers Track

Head Coach:
Jared Macari (8 years)
Assistant Coaches:
Brian Noffke (20+ years), Amy Meyer (6 years), Dan Wetzel (3 years)
Herscher’s track program has set out on its 2017 season, coming off last year’s outing which boasted two state qualifying pole vaulters – Devon Cummins and Quinnton Becker – who will once again be back in action for the Tigers. “All returning athletes are key contributors by their individual actions, which leads to overall team success for us,” comments head coach Jared

Macari. Returning for the boys’ team is: Tyrece Ahrens, Jacob Allen, Becker, Hunter Bilyard, Christopher Borschnack, Austin Brown, Jeremy Buckley, Nikolas Buckley, Marco Contreras, Matthew Dorsey, Cory Enfield, William Harris, Adam Hertz, Zack Jensen, Luke Johnson, Nikolas Kirchner, Justin Mau, Trevor Myers, Connor O’Brien, Tom O’Connell, Trey Pritchard, and Brandon Sommer. The girls welcome back Brooke Allen, Kyla Brychta, Brooke Johnston, Hannah Jones, Kayla Lietz, Kylie

Lockwood, Samantha Martin, Hailey Mendell, and Lauren Schejbal. The Tigers’ coaching staff says depth in the boys sprints and jumps, as well as mid-distance and distance, will be a strength for their program. “Being a young team last year, a lot of returning athletes saw valuable time, not only in fresh./soph. meets, but varsity meets as well,” said Coach Macari. “In the long run, building confidence and knowledge in what to expect at a varsity level meet and conference play.” (continued on page 15)



DTHS VARSITY BASEBALL TROJANS FOR 2017, pictured, front row, l to r, are: Colton Holm, Andrew Curl, Logan Graham, and Cal Schultz, (back row) Coach Justin Stevenson, Michael Johnson, Logan Widman, Bubba Schultz, Gerritt Frazier, D.J. Branz, Wesley Pulver, Blake Graham, Alex Pampinella, Morgan Fritz, Hayden Tjelle, Ryan Hogan, and Manager Maggie McCoy.

DTHS Trojans Baseball

Head Coach:
Justin Stevenson (4 years)
JV Coach: Joel Steichen (3 years)
The 2017 Trojans have taken to the field, and head coach Justin Stevenson believes Dwight will be one of the top three teams in a very tough conference. “We have the pitching to compete, we just need that one big breakthrough win for our program,” Stevenson stated. Though he admits there

won’t be any easy games this year, the Trojans’ head coach speaks highly of his pitching staff, as well as his team’s defense and athleticism. “Our pitching should be good enough to keep us in almost every game,” stated Stevenson. Dwight’s two top pitchers, Logan Graham (SVC All-Conference, Honorable Mention – Daily Journal and Daily Herald) and Wesley Pulver (SVC All-Conference), will be back on the mound and

will anchor the pitching staff with their natural talent and experience. DJ Branz will also be asked to step in, step up, and throw more innings for the Trojans. Youngsters Michael Johnson and Hayden Tjelle will see time on the rubber, as well. In regard to their offensive aspirations, Coach Stevenson realizes Dwight will not be a power - hitting team, so they will have to be smart but aggressive on the basepaths. “We have some guys that

really run well and get good reads off of pitchers and balls off bats,” says Stevenson. “We have some athleticism that will aid in that part of the game.” On defense, the coaching staff has seen a lot of progress in the last few seasons, and are hopeful they can clean things up on that side of the ball to make more plays for their pitchers. With Alex Pampinella, Branz, Blake Graham, and Gerritt Frazier – injured in

2016 – returning for their senior seasons, they will have to be there to lead this young team that features a lot of unknowns. Younger Trojans who will play significant time include Colton Holm, who provides a strong bat and middle infield prowess, and Bubba Schultz, who has caught Logan Graham his entire life – a tandem that should definitely help Dwight this year. In a Sangamon Valley Conference ripe with talent,

teams like PBL and South Newton have made big strides to be competitive and will give the Trojans a run for their money – but the Trojans seem ready for the challenge. “In recent years, we’ve accomplished a lot,” Stevenson adds. “We just haven’t won the big one.” After a heartbreaking loss to eventual state champion, Reed-Custer, the Trojans take to the field in 2017 prepared to play for a spot at the top.

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DTHS SENIOR WESLEY PULVER took the mound Friday night against Pontiac. Below, Logan Graham concentrates on the ball. Dwight defeated Pontiac 3-1.

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Victory Lanes. Dwight Bowling League Results

Sportsman League Bowlers		
HSG: Joe Stevenson, 266. HSS: Joe Stevenson, 709. HHG: Willy Roth, 284. HHS: Joe Stevenson, 742. HSG: Willy's Pub, 985. HSS: Willy's Pub, 2918. HHG: Star Trucking, 1001. HHS: Willy's Pub, 2918.		
League Standings	W	L
KWM Gutterman	14	6
JF Recycling	13	7
Jensens I	11	9
Willy's Pub	11	9
Star Trucking	11	9
Victory Lanes	10	10
Jensens BP II	9	11
Jeremy's Barber	9	11
DeLong Ford	8	12
Krug Lawn Care	4	16
Commercial League Bowlers		
HSG: Brian Scott, 258; Carrie Smith, 164. HSS: Brian Scott, 710; Katie Kinzler, 447. HHG: Josh Kingman, 263; Carrie Smith, 226. HHS: Brian Scott, 710; Jess Galbraith, 598. HSG/HHG: Pro Shop, 930. HSS/HHG: Victory Lanes, 2660.		
League Standings	W	L
Victory Lanes	28	8
DQueens	23½	12½
Dwight Printing	21	15
Krugs Lawncare	19	17
Pro Shop	18	18
Willy's Pub	18	18
Dairy Queen	17	19
Cherry Red Roast.	16½	19½
Lu's Sports Bar	16½	19½
A & S Exteriors	13	23
Pro Track	13	23
C3 Racing	12½	23½

Local dancers participate in League of Champions Dance Competition

Eloise Becker (11) and Emmalee Tarnowski (6) went to the League of Champions Regional Dance Competition March 10, 11, 12. They are members of the Pizazz Dance Troupe from Donna Mueller's School of Dance in Morris. Both girls are from Dwight. They each competed in six numbers including solo performances for each girl. They placed very well.

Eloise danced her solo to "Stuff Like That There". The dance type was Jazz and she received a High Gold Award.

Emmalee danced her solo (also Jazz) Aisy Waisy and received a First Place High Gold.

The girls performed together in four numbers: Party (Jazz), 1st Place Platinum, 2nd overall; Lemonade (Hip Hop), Platinum, 2nd Place overall; Somewhere Only We Know (lyrical), 1st Place Platinum; Puttin On The Ritz (Jazz), 1st Place Platinum.

Eloise was in a group number with her age group: Emergency (Jazz), 1st Place Platinum, 3rd overall.

Emmalee was in a group

number with her age group: (Jazz) Viva Rock Vegas, 1st Place High Gold, 5th Place Overall.

Emmalee has been dancing at Mueller's for four years and Eloise, nine.



Both girls represented their studio and home town very well by performing in front of judges and an audience of 500 plus.

They compete again at Danza on March 24-26 and at Hall of Fame April 7-9.

EMMALEE TARNOWSKI (6) AND ELOISE BECKER (11) , at left and below, participated in the League of Champions Regional Dance Competition and placed very well.



Spring SPORTS PREVIEW



Head Coach:
Eric Regez (25th year)
Assistant Coaches:
Kurt Quick, Todd Wolter
2016 Record:
29-10

The Herscher Tigers baseball team kicked off their 2017 season March 17, and look ahead as they hope to avenge their sectional championship loss to Lemont last season – following another impressive

year on the field.

Despite a stellar cast of seniors being lost to graduation, the 2017 version of the Tigers returns some experience up the middle of the diamond, as well as two pitchers who were able to throw over 25 innings individually and gain 12 victories on the mound.

This year's club is led by righties Luke Hertz and Tyler Stuart. Hertz won eight games during his jun-

ior year, while Stewart threw 31.1 innings, scoring four wins and will be asked to serve a dual role – also playing first base for Herscher.

Tyler Jarnagin scored 15 runs and will be expected to contribute at the top of the order, with senior outfielders Trevor Berns and Ethan Dundas returning as contributors on both offense and defense. Right handed swinging infielders Reilly

Reifsteck and Andrew Powers will also add depth to the roster.

Last year's underclassmen had big seasons, many of whom will be expected to immediately compete for playing time. Those players include juniors Luke Engelman, Blaise Feller, Logan Fritz, Kaden Hubly, Jacob Joyce, McKinley Keenen, Anthony Koranda, and Ryan Volk.

Head coach Eric Regez

says "We are hoping as the season moves along, much improvement is made in order to allow the team to play to the level it is accustomed."

The Tigers return two of their top five hitters in the order, and hope that offensive production carries over into producing runs in a number of different ways this season.

The pitching staff has a number of capable arms,

with senior moundsmen Hertz, Jones, Berns, Pastorel and Becker preparing for big outings; while juniors Koranda, Fritz, and Volk will also be given a chance to log heavy innings.

Regez and his Tigers' team goals are simple, he says. "Try to improve every day in order to remain at the top of the Interstate 8. If the team progresses as expected and everyone stays healthy – look for the Tigers to not



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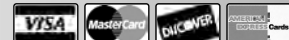
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Herscher Unit 2 Parents Protest New Weighted Classes For Valedictorian

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“In 21 of 25 years, the enrollment has been declining,” Decman said.

These reductions in staff will save the district \$100,000 a year, Decman said.

Because of the RIFs, some people thought the board was wrong to add a sport to the extra-curricular activities. The district has added junior high softball. Decman said that Herscher was the only district in the area that did not offer the sport, and that 90 students expressed a desire to participate in the sport if offered. The cost for adding this sport will be \$15,000 in the start-up year and between \$7,000 and \$8,000 in later years.

In other business, the board:

- heard that the Herscher High School new greenhouse construction project has been delayed because one part was four-inches too short. This will not only require the replacement of the part, but redoing the electrical, a job that took two weeks originally. The expense will not be borne by Unit 1, Decman said. They will also have to put in side-walks and handicap access once the weather breaks.
- approved certified senior list and offered contracts to teachers for the 2017-18 school year.
- approved roofing bids for Limestone Middle and Herscher Intermediate schools.

HERSCHER TIGERS TRACK

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Sommer is highlighted for improving his competition, falling short of state qualifying by two places last year. He is expected to get over the hump and qualify in the 100, 200, and long jump this season.

Also, look for Ahrens to turn some heads in the 200 and/or 400, while Becker will likely continue his pole vault success.

The girls have some strong leadership with their seniors this season, and have been through all aspects of track and field – bringing much experience that will help the younger

Lady Tigers improve throughout the year.

“Our distance group, especially in the 4x8, has continued promise that could lead to a strong result at sectionals,” stated Macari, “and Kylie Lockwood has continued her improvement from last year to XC this year, and now with us for the track season.”

The coaches are excited by their talent at the freshmen level on both sides, as they’ve already seen these young Tigers step up and take responsibility in big roles in the few meets they’ve participated in.

Macari says the boys are focusing their aim on relays, as well as individual events, while keeping their field events loaded as well.

“We are high in throws, which is a plus.”

For the girls, they have a great mix of distance athletes, but also a strong showing in sprints and jumps.

In a very heated Interstate 8 conference, Herscher is confident it will continue to build and get better, and sees themselves right in the mix with teams considered to be at the front of the pack.

Macari says, “It all comes down to who wants it more.”

DTHS TROJANS TRACK

Friday, March 17
Dwight vs. Pontiac Varsity -

Both teams were strong on the mound March 17, but Dwight was able to top Pontiac, 3-1, as the Trojan pitchers combined to allow just one hit the entire game to secure the victory in their 2017 debut.

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Dates	Location	Hours
MONDAY-FRIDAY February 23-April 3	Livingston County Clerk’s Office 112 W Madison St – Pontiac	8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
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Additional election information, as well as Applications for Ballots and Sample Ballots may be obtained from the Livingston County website at: www.livingstoncountylvil.gov (Click on “County Services”, “County Clerk”, and “Elections”).

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• MAR. 22: 3:30 p.m., Handbells; 5:30 p.m., Lenten Service with meal by

Music Department.
• MAR. 26: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 1 p.m., Dartball tournament here.
• MAR. 29: 3:30 p.m., Handbells; 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Weekday School; 5:30 p.m., Lenten Service.

First Baptist Church
401 N. Clinton St.
815-584-3182
Pastor Daniel L. Woodward
• MAR. 22: Wednesday Evening Service & King’s Kids Children’s Program, 7 p.m.
• MAR. 26: Sunday

School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.
• MAR. 28: Dwight Baptist Academy Convention Night, 7 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
200 W. Delaware St.
584-1260 church
Pastor Connie Williams
Moodie, Intentional Interim Minister
• MAR. 22: Mid Lenten Service at St. Patrick’s, 7 p.m.
• MAR. 26: Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sermon title: “Patches of Godlight.”

• MAR. 28: Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.; Deacons meeting, 6:30 p.m.
“March Mission of the Month” – Dress An Angel/The Salvation Army

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Mazon Ave. at Prairie
815-584-3522 Office
Father Chris Haake, Pastor
• MAR. 25: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., Reconciliation; 5 p.m., Mass.
• MAR. 26: 8 a.m., Mass.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
326 W. Chippewa St.
stpetersdwight@sbcglobal.net
• MAR. 22: 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 7 p.m., Ecumenical Community Lenten Service at St. Patrick’s Church; 7:15 p.m.,

Youth Group.
• MAR. 23: 12:30 p.m., Sarah Circle at The Country Mansion.
• MAR. 24: Church office closed; 8 p.m., A.A. meeting.
• MAR. 26: 8:45 a.m., Fellowship Time; 9 a.m., Faith Development for all ages; 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion; 11:15 a.m., Handbell rehearsal.
• MAR. 27: Church office closed; “Epistle” deadline; 9 a.m. - noon, quilting.
• MAR. 28: 9 a.m. - noon, quilting; 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., Salvation Army, Food Pantry, and Clothing.
• MAR. 29: 2:15 p.m., Worship team; 4:45 p.m., Intergenerational Music rehearsal; 6 p.m., Lenten Supper; 6:30 p.m., Lenten Service; 7:15 p.m.,

Youth Group.
• MAR. 31: Church office closed; 8 p.m., AA meeting.

ESSEX
Essex United Methodist Church
114 Waverly St.
• SUNDAY, 10:30 a.m., Sunday Service. Services led by Lay Servants David Prussner and Linda Michel

GARDNER
Church of Hope Presbyterian Church (US)
Monroe & Jefferson Sts.
Janet Chandler, Pastor
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gardnerchurchofhope.org
• MAR. 22: 10 a.m., Kerygma; 6 p.m., Lenten Meal; 7 p.m., Bible Study, “Creed.”
• MAR. 23: 9 a.m., Pastor Jan’s Lectionary Group.

HERSCHER
Herscher United Methodist Church
274 N. Elm Street
Phone: 815-426-6169
Pastor Kevin Boesen
Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

REDDICK
Reddick United Methodist Church
35900 E 3200 N Road
Pastor Kevin Boesen
815-426-6169
• 9:30 a.m., Sunday Service

SOUTH WILMINGTON
South Wilmington United Methodist Church
225 Rice Street
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815-426-6169
• Sunday Service, 8 a.m.

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Emington Congregational United Church of Christ
103 Division Street
Pastor Connie Williams
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• MAR. 24: Emington Boy Scout Fish Fry in church basement, 5 until 7 p.m.
• MAR. 26: 8:45 a.m., Worship. Sermon title: “Patches of Godlight.”
March Food Pantry Collection:
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DTHS Production ‘Wizard of Oz’ Draws Sell-Out Crowds



by Myke Feinman
Managing Editor

The Dwight Township High School production of the “Wizard of Oz” was performed to sold-out audiences March 10-12.

Director Kathy Stewart said the theater was sold out Friday and Sunday, and nearly sold out Saturday.

“This was the most well-attended play in recent memory,” Stewart told *The Paper* last week.

This production, which also included nine actors from Dwight Grade School playing munchkins, including the dog “Toto” played by Stewart’s pet, a female dog named Belle.

Stewart said she was surprised the dog did not get distracted or too excited to perform.

“She’s just a very laid-back animal,” Stewart said. She really likes people.

Many people commented on the professional quality of the costumes, some of which were rented from Coal City High School and

some of which were rented from the Vermillion Players in Pontiac. Props and sets were also rented from those groups.

“They (Vermillion Players) are very generous and always allow us to rent props and costumes,” Stewart said.

“I would just like to thank the community for their support of the DTHS drama department and the production of the Wizard of Oz,” Stewart said. “Many community members and businesses contributed as patrons allowing us to rent costumes, props and sets.”

She added that a production like this would not have been possible otherwise.

“That patronage is really critical in allowing us to do a production like this of such high quality through those generous donations,” Stewart added.

The department generally has a dramatic play in the fall and a musical in the spring. No selections have been made for the 2017-18 school year, she added.



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